

# Cell Phone and Social Media Use

## Cell Phone Usage is Prohibited During Clinical Rotations

Cell phones are strictly prohibited from being used in the clinical area by students. All cell phones (except in Home Care Services and on-site faculty) should not be carried on the person during the clinical experience. Home Care Services should carry a phone to use in an emergency situation in the field. Onsite faculty may use their cellphone for clinical supervision.

Absolutely no photographs may be taken on Allina Health campuses or in patient homes. No photographs of self, patients, families or images of the patient record may be taken for HIPAA compliance.

No recording of conversations with patients or staff is allowed.

If a student or faculty is found in violation of the policy, disciplinary action and possible legal action may be taken.

Students and onsite faculty will have full access to reference materials on Allina's network when on site.

## Social Networking:

Students need to understand that future employers may review their Facebook or other methods of social networking and may impact their employability.

Students should NEVER post any information regarding their clinical experience. Students need to remember to treat all social networking sites as public domain.

- Do not discuss patient information.
- Do not take or post any pictures of patients, self, or anything from the clinical experience.
- Do not discuss patient cases with classmates.
- Do not badmouth classmates, healthcare facilities or employees.

If faculty, other students, or staff see a posting of unacceptable information on a social networking site by a student, please print a copy of the posting and send to the site Academic Coordinator. The Academic Coordinator will dismiss the student from their clinical experience immediately. The school may request a copy of the posting from the site – this would be used to support the schools' decision regarding the student's future academic career.